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**ROMNEY ANNOUNCES \$2.4 M FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION**  
*Middleboro, West Newbury, Tisbury, Nantucket and Gardner receive development funds*

Governor Mitt Romney today announced that more than \$2.4 million has been awarded to the communities of Middleboro, West Newbury, Tisbury, Nantucket and Gardner to acquire and transform vacant and dilapidated properties into long-term, affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income families.

“Given the high cost of housing in Massachusetts, it is difficult for many working families to find a safe, decent and affordable place to live,” said Romney. “By using these funds to renovate and improve existing structures, we are not only adhering to the principles of smart growth development, but we are also ensuring long-term affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income families in the Commonwealth.”

The state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will administer the federal funds through its Housing Development Support Program (HDSP). HDSP is a component of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant program and is designed to assist housing initiatives with an emphasis on creation, preservation or improvement of small-scale projects for low- and moderate-income households. Cities and towns with populations under 50,000 are eligible to apply for HDSP funds.

Middleboro will use \$590,000 to transform an existing downtown building into a blend of seven affordable residential units along with a mix of office, retail and commercial space.

West Newbury will receive \$550,750 to renovate the municipally owned four-unit Pipestave Hill apartment building to keep it as affordable housing for a minimum additional 30 years.

Tisbury will receive \$344,742 to refinance a four-unit Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental property at Lagoon Pond Road to ensure long-term affordability for low- and moderate-income families.

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Nantucket was awarded \$438,559 to work with the non-profit Nantucket Housing Office and relocate two donated single-family homes onto land owned by the town's housing authority. Those affordable rental homes will be renovated and will remain deed restricted in perpetuity.

Gardner will use its \$505,327 award to upgrade an existing special needs facility at 182-186 Pleasant Street currently owned by the Department of Mental Health and operated by North Central Human Services.

"Communities use these resources as innovative tools to help them in continuing their commitment of providing quality affordable housing," said DHCD Director Jane Wallis Gumble. "Whether it's through the renovation of a mixed-use building, or the fixing up an old residential structure to preserve housing for low- and moderate-income families, these types of projects help to improve the quality of life for a community."

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